

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A device for introducing forces into a luggage stowage compartment in a vehicle and for distributing the forces, comprising:

a ceiling-side connecting element arranged between and connected to extensions of end-side side walls of the luggage stowage compartment ~~and connected thereto~~,

the extensions each being configured as an upwardly projecting bracket, and

the connecting element being configured as a ledge having a fiber-reinforced synthetic material construction and being fastened by an adhesive to the luggage stowage compartment in at least two locations thereof so as to be unshiftable in a longitudinal direction thereof; and

a force-introducing element provided on the bracket of the side wall of the luggage stowage compartment, the force-introducing element being a bushing or a lug.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element has a reinforcing cross-section that is L-shaped.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element is integrated in the luggage stowage compartment.

8. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a bottom carrier provided on a bottom side of the luggage stowage compartment for the distribution of the forces.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element has a fiber-glass-reinforced synthetic material construction.

11. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element has a carbon-fiber-reinforced synthetic material construction.

12. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is a glue.

13. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ledge is fastened to a ceiling wall of the luggage stowage compartment.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A luggage stowage compartment for a vehicle, comprising:

end-side walls;

a top wall;

a bottom; ~~and~~

a ceiling-side ledge configured to distribute forces transmitted to the compartment, the ledge having a fiber-reinforced synthetic material construction and being adhered to the top wall and connected to the sidewalls,

the sidewalls each including a bracket which projects upward beyond the top wall and which connects to the ledge; and

a force-introducing element provided on the bracket of the side wall of the luggage stowage compartment, the force-introducing element being a bushing or a lug.

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16. (Previously presented) The compartment according to claim 15,
wherein the ledge has a carbon-fiber-reinforced synthetic
material construction.